

EXECUTIVE ORDER 99-15

**ESTABLISHING A GOVERNOR'S TECHNICAL ADVISORY
COUNCIL TO REVIEW UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE
RANGELAND MODELS**

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona is dedicated to the multiple use concept of public lands; and

WHEREAS, the proper maintenance and management of Arizona's rangelands is important to the stability of rural economies, the production of food, and the condition of wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, the use of monitoring data, including utilization, range condition, and trend, along with actual stocking records, give a reasonable estimate of needed changes in stocking or management systems; and

WHEREAS, models currently used to establish rangeland capacity are sometimes perceived to be subjective and often are subject to challenge

NOW THEREFORE, I Jane Dee Hull, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Arizona Constitution and the Laws of the State, do hereby order the establishment of a Technical Advisory Council to review the United States Forest Service Rangeland Models utilized in Arizona to determine stocking capacity and alternative models for evaluating impacts for federal regulatory compliance.

This council is to be known as the "Governor's Rangeland Technical Advisory Council."

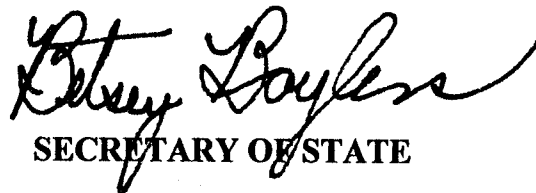
1. The Council shall be comprised of no less than fourteen members.
2. The Chair and members shall be appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of, the Governor.
3. Four members shall be present or former range scientists for Arizona universities, three shall be United States Forest Service permittees; three shall be representatives of organized sportsmen/women clubs; one shall be a representative of an organization that is concerned with the protection of wildlife habitat; one shall be an expert on wildlife; one shall be a range manager for the Arizona State Land Department; and one shall be the director of the Arizona Department of Agriculture or his designee.
4. The Arizona Game and Fish Department, Arizona Department of Agriculture and the Arizona State Land Department shall provide resources as requested by the Council.
5. The Council shall make recommendations to the Governor regarding the validity of current utilized rangeland models and alternative models.
6. The Arizona Department of Agriculture shall serve as the coordinating entity for the Council.

7. The Council shall make an initial report to the Governor on or before June 30, 2000.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.


GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this Ninth day of December One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety Nine and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Twenty Third.


SECRETARY OF STATE

